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## International and European Institutions



### WHO European Health Report 2021

#### World Health Organization

The aims of the 2021 edition are to provide insight into Regional progress towards the health-related Sustainable Development Goals and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on population health, thereby focusing on health inequalities and how the pandemic is affecting these.

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### EC President von der Leyen at the 'Vaccine Equity for Africa' launch event

#### European Commission

"The initiative is first and foremost about vaccine equity. Vaccines from the new factories will be sold at not-for-profit prices, exclusively to African countries. They will be made in Africa, for Africa, with world-class technology."

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## Council of Europe: Conference on Social Resilience and Health Equity

**Council of Europe**

In the framework of the Italian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, the Council of Europe organised an event on Social Resilience and Health Equity (22 February 2022, 9:30 - 12:30 CET, online)

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## World Health Organization

### Council Brief WHO Council on the Economics of Health For All

In their latest policy brief, the WHO Council on the Economics of Health for All proposes three key objectives from the planetary to the individual scale.

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### New WHO report highlights scale of childhood cancer inequalities in the European Region

This report sets out for the first time the evidence on childhood cancer inequalities in the Region, and examines the patterns that emerge at national and regional levels of childhood cancer incidence, patient and caregiver experiences, and short- and long-term outcomes for patients.

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### WHO environmental health inequalities fact sheet series

Environmental conditions are a major determinant of health and well-being but they are not distributed equally across the population. Higher levels of environmental risk are often found in disadvantaged population subgroups.

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## National Institutions



**The Scottish Government**  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

### Scottish health inequalities statistics released

**Scottish Government**

The report includes a range of indicators selected in order to monitor health inequalities over time. With the exception of the healthy birthweight indicator, significant health inequalities persist for each indicator covered.

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## Roma in Slovakia: chances of dying from COVID-19 two times higher

Euractiv

Roma people in Slovakia are twice as likely to die from COVID-19 when compared to the rest of the population, a new study conducted by the finance ministry's value for money department has found.



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## COVID-19 Health Inequalities Monitoring in England Tool (CHIME)

UK Government

A national tool that brings together data to monitor the direct impacts of COVID-19 on health inequalities.

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## Research Developments



### Unheard, Unseen and Untreated: Health Inequalities in Europe Today

Médecins du Monde

"This 2021 Observatory Report is an observational study on the people excluded from mainstream healthcare services in Europe and provides a snapshot of the state of Universal Healthcare Coverage (UHC)"

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## **BMJ: Government promises action on NHS's ethnic pay gaps and health inequalities in England**

The government has announced that it will commission research into the ethnic pay gap in the NHS in an attempt to close pay differences between staff of different ethnic backgrounds in England.

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## **BMJ: Ethnic health inequalities in the NHS**

The recently established NHS Race and Health Observatory commissioned a rapid evidence review on ethnic inequalities in healthcare, hot on the heels of a political agenda seeking to tackle inequitable distribution of power, money, and resources in the UK.

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## **BMJ: Racial health inequality is stark and requires concerted action, says review**

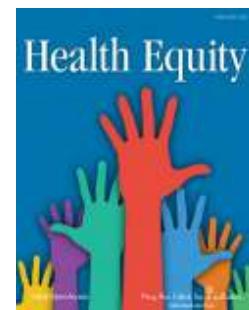
There is a clear and overwhelming case for radical action on racial inequity in the healthcare system, a review has concluded. The damning report, commissioned by the NHS Race and Health Observatory, found "widespread" ethnic inequalities across a range of health services, with some communities found to have particularly poor access, experiences, and outcomes.

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## **New partnership Health Equity journal and US National Collaborative for Health Equity**

**American Association for the Advancement of Science**

Journal on health disparities and health equity among underserved and vulnerable populations announces that it is now the official Journal of the National Collaborative for Health Equity.


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## **Building public understanding of health and health inequalities**

**The Health Foundation**

This long read explores reasons behind current public attitudes towards health and inequalities in health outcomes, drawing on polling and public attitudes research by the Health Foundation and others.


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## **Health inequalities in Scotland: An independent review**

**The Health Foundation**

The review, which is due to report its findings later this year, will provide a detailed and thorough analysis of how socioeconomic factors and public health interventions have influenced people's health in Scotland over the last two decades.

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## Low prevalence of spectacle use in the Hungarian Roma population indicates unmet health needs

Nature

Our results show serious unmet health needs within the Roma population, which calls for public health programs to improve poor primary care indicators on regular eye examination and much more rigorous diabetes control.

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## Eurostat: a closer look at gender statistics

Discover the latest data on the gender employment gap, that is considered to be a key social indicator for analytical purposes when studying developments in labour markets, and the gender pay gap, including the unadjusted gender pay gap used to monitor imbalances in earnings between men and women.

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## Health Equity Research Award at Yale School of Medicine

**Yale School of Medicine**

The award was established in 2020 to promote health equity research efforts within the Yale community, at a time when COVID-19 has laid bare many health inequities that still exist in the United States.

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## Book: British Muslims, Ethnicity and Health Inequalities

**Edinburgh University Press**

This book highlights the role of religion in exacerbating health inequalities, along with ethnicity, racism, social class and deprivation

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## In the Media

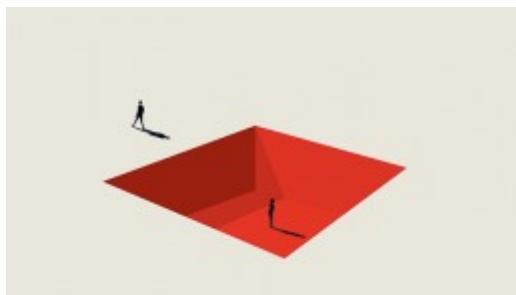


## Litigating for Roma Rights: Interview with Dr. Margareta Matache

Harvard International Review

"Roma people who have been evicted from their houses and placed into the margins of various cities or, very often, in polluted areas, have suffered great harm. And that deserves attention and redress."

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## Cancer Research UK introduces Inequalities Series

"In this first article, we talk to Professor Sir Michael Marmot, who has stood at the forefront of research into health inequality for decades, to discuss what health inequality actually is, and what we can do to reduce it."

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## Other News



### National Roma Strategic Framework: health and housing targets should be clearly defined by Member States

European Public Health Alliance

Some of the main findings of the [Roma Health Network](#) revolve around setting clear targets, capacity building among Roma communities and civil society, an increased focus on mental health promotion, learning about the disproportionate effects of COVID-19 on Roma and recommendations on more effective monitoring of Roma health.

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## Climate Change and Health: Inequality is a political decision

**Raymond Gemen (EPHA) for the OECD**

It is clear that climate change is the single biggest health threat facing humanity, and that the people who are least responsible for human-induced climate change will suffer—and already are suffering—the greatest consequences.

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## Groningen University: health inequalities summer school

**University of Groningen**

The summer school follows the new methodology of critical medical humanities, which assumes that the humanities and health sciences are entangled and ask for non-reductionist and non-hierarchical forms of interdisciplinary cooperation.

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## New York introduces COVID-19 Recovery Roundtable and Health Equity Task Force

**City of New York**

New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced his administration's COVID-19 Recovery Roundtable and Health Equity Task Force, a commission, unprecedented in its diversity, to advise the administration on long-term, comprehensive policies around health equity and health access.

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## Upcoming Events



### Fighting access to health inequalities by improving health worker retention and task shifting policies (Webinar 29 March)

The aim of this webinar is to share information on the progress of the projects that aim to provide supporting tools, practical guidelines and to improve sharing of best practices that can help Member States to design and implement their policies related to health workforce retention, task-shifting and tackling regional medical deserts.

29 March 2022 14:30-16:30

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## Build back fairer: tackling health inequalities for a healthy future

'Public Health Voices' is a webinar series, open to all, which aims to engage with and showcase the importance of interdisciplinarity in public health research and training. By working together with multiple disciplines, and in collaboration with local communities, local government, the NHS, the third sector, and industry, we can have a real impact on public health research and practice.

28 April 2022 17:00-18:00

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